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From: Pinto, Sharon
Sent: Mon 8/24/2015 6:58:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: Draft BIA access letter
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Joan,
 Your response on this matter is appreciated.

Thank you,

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From: Reeves, Linda <Reeves.Linda@epa.gov>
Date: Mon, Aug 24, 2015 at 12:51 PM
Subject: RE: Draft BIA access letter
To: "Tsosie, Lester" <lester.tsosie@bia.gov>
Cc: "Mueller, Sarah" <Mueller.Sarah@epa.gov>, "Ripperda, Mark" <Ripperda.Mark@epa.gov>, Jerry Degroat <jerry.degroat@bia.gov>, Laura Haven-Daniels <laura.haven-daniels@bia.gov>, Ettaline Perry <Ettaline.Perry@bia.gov>, Sharon Pinto <sharon.pinto@bia.gov>, Colin Bradley <cbradley@nndoj.org>, "David Taylor (dtaylor@nndoj.org)" <dtaylor@nndoj.org>

Hello Mr. Tsosie,

Just checking to see if BIA has had a chance to review the attached letter.

Much appreciated!

Linda

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From: Reeves, Linda

Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 5:00 PM

To: 'Tsosie, Lester'

Cc: Mueller, Sarah; Ripperda, Mark; Jerry Degroat; Laura Haven-Daniels; Ettaline Perry; Sharon Pinto; Colin Bradley; David Taylor (dtaylor@nndoj.org)

Subject: RE: Draft BIA access letter

Mr. Tsosie,

We have revised the letter to include the information requested by Director Pinto. Also, we shared the letter with Navajo DOJ and their edits are incorporated. The Navajo Superfund Program had a chance to review the letter, too. Would it be possible to get a response from BIA by August 17?

We are planning to conduct a site tour of the Haystack mines in the coming weeks (including allotted land on Section 18 13N 10W and Section 24 13N 11W). This will not involve any investigation work. We plan to notify the residents of this visit. Please advise if we should do anything else.

Many thanks!

Linda

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From: Sharon Pinto [<mailto:sharon.pinto@bia.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2015 6:49 PM

To: Reeves, Linda

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Subject: Re: Draft BIA access letter

Looks good.

I would prefer the language for the referenced USC cite be stated in the letter. The sentence should start with, In accordance with USC, USEPA has authority to access your allotment for specific reasons provided in the attachment.

Sorry, I'm working off my cell phone.

We can send to our Solicitor tomorrow. I will be out of the office but the Acting can sign and send forward.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 17, 2015, at 4:06 PM, Reeves, Linda <Reeves.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Tsosie,

Thank you for your prompt edits!

The attached letter contains additional edits for your consideration, with comments explaining these edits.

Cheers,

Linda

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From: Tsosie, Lester [<mailto:lester.tsosie@bia.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 1:58 PM

To: Reeves, Linda; Mueller, Sarah; Ripperda, Mark; Jerry Degroat; Sharon Pinto

Cc: Laura Haven-Daniels; Ettaline Perry

Subject: Re: Draft BIA access letter

Hello,

Attached is the latest draft. For some reason, the older draft got attached. Please review this draft. Thank you.

Best regards,

Lester K. Tsosie, MPA, MBA

Superintendent

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 2:55 PM, Tsosie, Lester <lester.tsosie@bia.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Attached is my initial edit on the Letter to Allottee based on our meeting earlier this week. If everyone is okay with the draft or make recommendations, please let me know so I can finalize the letter. Thank you.

Best regards,

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On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 1:34 PM, Reeves, Linda <Reeves.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Tsosie,

Thank you for meeting with us this week to discuss access at the Navajo abandoned uranium mines.

Based on Director Pinto's suggestions, we drafted the attached letter for your review. A general letter such as this could be signed just once. Then for each site we will provide BIA, the residents and allottees with an attachment describing the specific activities to be undertaken.

Feel free to have your counsel contact Sarah Mueller if they have questions. She can be reached at Mueller.sarah@epa.gov and 415-972-3953.

Best regards,

Linda

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